

In Memoriam.

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THE ERASMIAN.

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Editorial.



IN a time of universal mourning we feel that it is but right for us, as representing the feelings of the school at large, to add our quota of condolences and sympathy with the Royal Family on the death of King Edward VII., and also with the entire nation on the loss of a good ruler and a guardian of his people. Words fail us to describe his virtues, nor would any praise be sufficient for his qualities as a sovereign and a man. We can only express the hope that his son, George V., will follow the same path, and employ the same generosity and wisdom as his beloved father.

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The present school year is drawing to a close, and once more the approach of the Intermediate Examinations is striking terror into many hearts, and causing the hurried perusal of books that have grown dusty from disuse.

The number of candidates entering this June far exceeds that of last year, and we hope the percentage of successes will be proportionately larger. The results of Intermediate Examinations are generally accepted as demonstrating the standard of teaching in those schools which participate, but whether they really are a criterion of the work done through the preceding year is doubtful.

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But to turn from educational matters, the year that is now nearing its end has been a successful one in many ways. The increase in the number of pupils is most gratifying, and is one more proof that the High School is steadily advancing to the front. On the football field our first fifteen, although, as usual, defeated in the Cup competition proper, has had a most successful season. Apart from the fact that we had more defeats than victories to our credit, the members regularly played when chosen, and were never discouraged by reverses. In the finance department, the Hon. Treasurer reports a comfortable balance on the right side, and a larger amount of subscriptions than in the previous year. The Juniors were very enthusiastic, and had a good record of victories, reaching the semi-final of the Junior School's Cup, and we look forward to them to maintain the old glory of the school in the future.

The Literary and Debating Society had several debates, which were very well attended, and at which some excellent impromptu speeches were made.

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The cricket season of 1910 has also started auspiciously, especially as regards the Junior Eleven, which, up the time of writing, has won four successive matches without sustaining a single defeat. This year has also seen the formation of a Swimming Club, which, we are sure, will be a great boon to many boys.

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There is also, we are glad to say, an improvement in the sales of the *Erasmian*, though there is room for more, and contributions are still not being received in the number we would wish. We are sure there is much literary talent among the boys, and the School Magazine gives ample scope for such to be brought from darkness into the light of day.



School Notes.



ON March 12th, at Belgrave Square, the 1st XV. played a return match with Knockbeg Lay College, who travelled down from Carlow. On this occasion fortune favoured us, and we won by a goal and a try to nil, Holmes being the scorer.

The visitors were afterwards very hospitably entertained.

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Congratulations to George Holmes on obtaining his cap for season 1909-10 from Landsdowne R.F.C. He has been of great value to them, playing in all matches, and always acquitting himself creditably.

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We also offer tardy, but nevertheless hearty congratulations to H. Barron, who obtained his 1st XI. colours from D.U.A.F.C. He figured as outside-right in almost all their matches, and, although playing out of his usual position, proved himself efficient.

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The Rifle Club team which we sent to compete for the Bryan Cooper Cup at Ballsbridge on Easter Tuesday failed lamentably, Reid being the only one to display his ordinary form. Ten shots had to be fired at 25 yards, the maximum being 100.

The following are the respective scores:—R. M.M. Reid, 78; A. Briscoe, 37; G. R. Thomson, 19; G. S. B. Mack, 13.

N. E. M. S. Tuite has passed the March Entrance Examination into the Trinity Medical School.

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R. R. Wilson has passed the Entrance Examination into the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, where he will start his army career in the autumn.

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On account of the proximity of the Intermediate Examinations there were no debates held this term, although we feel sure a discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of the Budget would have been eagerly welcomed.

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Charles Spiro, an Old Boy who, while in the School, gained several exhibitions and prizes in the Intermediate, and further distinguished himself during his University course, was called to the Bar in April. He intends practising in South Africa, whither he departed in May. We wish him all success in his future career.

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G. R. Thomson left us in April. His departure was rather unexpected, and as he had been elected cricket captain, new officers had to be chosen. The 1st XI. will miss his services very much during the season.

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Many Old Boys have joined the Officers' Training Corps. The detachment are spending some time this summer under canvas at Ticknock.

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A Swimming Club has been formed in the School, and up to the present over forty members have been enrolled. The Club holds its sessions in the Iveagh Baths on Thursdays, Mr. Norton being in charge.

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Caps for good play during last season have been awarded to the following members of the 1st XV.:—W. H. Crotty (full back); G. R. Thomson (three-quarter); N. E. M. S. Tuite (forward).

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Our heartiest congratulations are offered to H. H. Jeffcott, B.A., B.A.I. (1892-1895) who was, till recently, head of the Meteorology Department of the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, and has now been appointed to the chair of Engineering in the Royal College of Science, rendered vacant last autumn by the death of Professor J. Lyon. Mr. Jeffcott was First Mathematical Scholar in T.C.D. in 1898, and Senior Moderator

(with Gold Medal) in Experimental Science and Chemistry in 1899.

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We have noticed the following announcements of marriages of Old Boys, to all of whom we wish all happiness:—

F. G. Sharpe (1882-1892) was married on April 6th, at the Methodist Church, Kingstown, to Lilian, third daughter of J. E. M'Cormick, Seafeld House, Monkstown.

W. W. C. Dunlop, M.A., T.C.D. (1889-1893) was married on April 18th at Barbadoes, West Indies, to Adele Marie Françoise, elder daughter of the Right Rev. Walter Farrar, D.D., recently Bishop of Antigua.

C. Hutchinson, Bank of Ireland, Limerick (1895-1897) was married on April 27th, at Zion Church, Rathgar, to Frances Wigmore Bennett, youngest daughter of the late Stephen W. Bennett of Melbourne.

Rev. T. R. C. Hughes, B.A., Rector of Dunseverick, Co. Antrim (1890-1895) was married on November 10th last, at Rathmines Parish Church, to Rebecca Harriette (Daisy) Hamilton, only daughter of the late Ludlow R. Hamilton, 63 Rathgar Road.

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F. P. Synnott (1905-1910) has been appointed as a Boy Clerk to the offices of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

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C. H. H. Fennell (1909) who was, for a short time, in the office of Messrs. Guinness, Mahon and Co., has been appointed on the permanent staff of the Sun Assurance Company, and his brother, F. Fennell (1909-1910) has taken his place at Messrs. Guinness, Mahon and Co.

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W. B. Gilligan has accepted an appointment at the Royal Bank, College Green.

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J. Woods (1908-1909) has passed successfully for the National Bank.

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R. D. White won the Silver Medal (Second Place) in the Violin Competition at the Feis Ceoil this May. L. Glick was also highly commended in the same competition.

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Frank Small (1902-1907) who passed out of Sandhurst last

winter with the College Prize for Military History and Strategy, has, this spring, been gazetted to the "Connaught Rangers."

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E. S. Duggan (1901-1907) paid us a visit during his short leave while his ship, The "Suffolk," is being re-fitted at Portsmouth. He was looking well, and it is clear that the Mediterranean winter suits him. He has now gone back again to Malta for the summer.

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H. M. Butler (1902-1908) has passed at the recent Examination for Clerkships in the Bank of Ireland.

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G. A. Small (1902-1905) has obtained a Classical Scholarship. We tender him our heartiest congratulations.

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N. B. White (1894-1899) was awarded the Second Fellowship Prize at the recent Fellowship Examinations.

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The following are the results of the matches played in the Junior Division of the Handball Competitions :—Doubles. 1st Round :—

Campbell and E. Dunlop beat Brambell and Stone. Mack and Sleith beat Scales and G. Larkin. Holmes and Moss beat A. Larkin and Duggan. Houston and D. Dunlop, a bye.

Semi-final :— { Campbell and Dunlop beat Mack and Sleight.
 { Holmes and Moss beat Houston and D. Dunlop.

Final :—Campbell and Dunlop beat Holmes and Moss.

Singles. 1st Round :—

Stone beat Duggan	} 2nd Round {	Stone beat Brambell.
Brambell beat G Larkin		Dunlop beat Sleith.
E. Dunlop beat A. Larkin		Holmes beat Campbell.
Sleight beat Mack		
Holmes beat Scales		
Campbell, a bye	} Semi-final : {	Dunlop beat Stone.
		Holmes a bye

Final :—Dunlop beat Holmes.



The Athletic Sports.



THE Athletic Sports will be held on Monday, June 27th, on the premises of the Royal Dublin Society in the Jumping Enclosure at Ball's Bridge. We hope every boy in the School will do his utmost to make them a success. The Committee hope there will

be a very generous response to their appeal for subscriptions. The value of the prizes must depend upon the amount which is contributed. At the time of going to press the Programme, which is subject to alteration by the Committee, is as follows:—

100 Yards Senior, under 15, under 12, under 11.

220 " " " "

440 " " "

Half Mile.

One Mile.

Sack Race.

Siamese Race.

The above will be handicapped.

120 Yards Hurdles.

High Jump, Senior, under 15.

Long " " "

Throwing Cricket Ball, Senior, under 15.

Consolation Races, Senior, under 15, under 12.

The entry fee for one event is 1s.: for two events, 2s.; and for three or more events, 3s. The Hon. Secretary is Gwynn S. B. Mack, and the Hon. Treasurer L. J. D. Richardson.



Brigandage in Asia Minor.



THE mention of Brigands or Brigandage recalls to us the early days of the last century, when Italy and Greece were infested by these organised bands of robbers; and many are the exciting tales we have read about their adventures. The days of Hadgi Starros are over in these parts, and we seem to take it for granted that brigandage has been exterminated altogether. Many of us doubtless will be surprised to hear that these lawless bands still exist in painful reality.

I spent last winter in a small village five miles from Smyrna. The country in the immediate neighbourhood of Smyrna is rendered unsafe by the presence of bands of brigands, usually numbering from sixteen to twenty men. They appear regularly every autumn and spring, making it exceedingly unpleasant for the inhabitants, especially for those who are reputed to be wealthy and therefore able to pay a good ransom.

These brigands mark their prey, generally a rich man's son, watch his movements, waylay him at the first opportunity, and carry him off to the mountains, which stand out high and majestic, forming a magnificent bluish-purple background to the beautifully situated town of Smyrna.

Early one morning, shortly after the New Year, my brother and I stepped into the post-train, the only train leaving Smyrna

for the interior, at a small junction a couple of miles from the village. There had been some talk of brigands, so we both took our revolvers in case of emergency. Our journey was soon over, for the farm we were to visit was only twenty miles up the line.

On arriving at our station we found Mr. ———, the owner of the farm, waiting for us with an open carriage drawn by two sturdy little native horses. As we drove off I noticed a couple of troopers ride off in front of us, and another kept close behind. I asked our host how long he had had this mounted guard, and he said, "Ever since I was taken by the brigands last May."

It was a pleasant morning, and the drive over the open plain was delightful. I was enjoying the wild scenery when our host suddenly seized his revolver and bade us do the same. Thirty or forty paces before us the road wound gently into a small plantation of young trees and disappeared from view. The horseman who had kept behind now darted off at full gallop leaving us to come on slowly. Then followed a few moments of suspense while we drove through the coppice. We were soon out of the danger zone, however, and reached the house without any further excitement. On arriving we were offered the usual cup of coffee and then proceeded to inspect the farm. This occupied several hours, and when we got back to the house we were ready for a good meal.

After dinner we sat smoking and chatting before a large open fire, and soon the topic of conversation turned to brigands. "Tell us how you came to be taken last spring," I said to our host, anxious to hear his tale. "Well," he said, "I don't like to recall the incident, but as you seem interested I will tell you my story. I was captured when I least suspected the presence of brigands in this neighbourhood. I had spent most of the winter in Smyrna in order to avoid the brigands, and I had only come up to the farm for a day or so to see how things were going.

"It was early in May, and I had not been up for two months. No one knew my movements, and I thought I would be running no danger if I rode over from the farm to my vineyard, a distance of five miles by the shorter way through a long, winding gully, and eight miles round by the little town of ———.

"I set off on my favourite pony along the shorter road, and soon arrived at my other property. I did not stay there long, for I had plenty to do at the farm, and was, therefore, in a hurry to get back. When I came to the spot where the shorter way branches off from the road leading to the town I hesitated and thought perhaps it would be safer after all to go by the longer route. . . . I looked at my watch; it was late, and I said to myself, 'You have not been here for two months, who is to know your movements?' I therefore decided to take the short cut, and with this resolution I pulled gently at my right rein and started at a trot through the long defile. I had not gone a couple of hundred yards when I heard a voice from behind me call out

in Greek, 'Dismount!' I took no heed, but spurred on my pony; the command was given once more, and instantly six men armed with rifles jumped out of their hiding places and barred my way. I only then realised what had happened: I was a prisoner in the midst of a lawless band of brigands. There was nothing to be done but dismount and surrender. My horse was taken from me, I was gagged, chained, and placed in the custody of two men.

"Night soon came on, and when the last rays of the setting sun had disappeared from the far horizon marching orders were given. We hurriedly passed by my little farm house, but what could I do! We continued our march all through the night, and only at dawn did we halt. I was exhausted as much by mental as by physical fatigue, but the hard ground afforded but little rest for my weary body. My mind was too active trying to devise some way of escape, but escape was impossible as I lay bound in chains between two armed ruffians.

"I was treated comparatively well and partook heartily of the brigands' fare, frugal as it was, for I was very glad to have it and satisfy the pangs of hunger after long and dreary marches over rough and mountainous paths. During the day time we rested in caves or other hiding-places, but as soon as darkness cast its grey mantle over the country we were marched, marched eternally.

"Seventeen days had now passed since that fateful evening in the gully. I had become accustomed to my new existence, and did not feel the fatigues of tramping as I had done during the first few days. But what distressed me most was that there were no signs of release. Had the ransom been paid, had my friends been able to get the money? I could get no information. As the sun set on the seventeenth day there was no stir, no sign of preparing for a night march. The brigand chief was restless; he seemed to be waiting impatiently for news.

"We sat in silence watching the stars appear one by one in the cloudless sky; the wild scenery, with all its grandeur, had little charm for me. I was thinking of my liberty, that was my sole thought. It must have been near midnight when the hurried steps of a man rounding the hillside broke the solemn silence of the night.

"He was hailed by his fellow-brigands as he made his way to the chief. I was too far away to hear all that was said, but I heard enough. An inexpressible feeling of joy came over me. I was safe; the ransom had been paid and I would soon be free. The chief walked over to me, shook me by the hand, and wished me 'Addio.' At the same time he ordered two of his men to set out with me, assuring me that they would put me on the right road. One of them left me two hours before dawn, and an hour later the other took his leave after giving me full instructions

about the way I was to go. That evening I was comfortably quartered at my own farm.

"It was a disagreeable incident, and the most expensive trip I have taken, or am ever likely to take again."



Home-Grown Howlers.



3c. "The way to find the distance in degrees is when the sun rises at 12 o'clock." (This may be the celebrated 'midnight sun,' but if not, it certainly deserves at least thirty lines for being late).

3a. "The 'Dauntless Three' were three twins." (Twins=2: 3 times 2=6: therefore the dauntless 3 were 6, which is a new and original mathematical method).

3c. "The sun only shines on the earth for 24 hours, then turns around and shines in another part." (Even the worm will turn).

5. "Abyssinia, politically, may be described as a volcanic plateau." (Truth is mighty and will prevail—even at the expense of mere accuracy).

3b. "Slieve Bloom Mountains are in the County Kerry, Slieve Donard is the highest peak. Drained by the River Larne." (As Tennyson remarks in his essay on "Coffee-house Frequenters," "A man's a man for a' that").

3a. "St. Patrick was buried up in the County Down, and he died there." (The custom of burying men alive is now almost obsolete. If not already dead they are killed painlessly).



Stamps and Stamp Collecting.



MOST of us, at one time or other, have been bitten by the stamp collecting craze, and small wonder, too, for stamps, when their collection is taken up in an intelligent manner, not in any sort of haphazard fashion, are intensely interesting.

When stamp collecting first came into vogue, about 1860, it was looked upon as a "harmless" mania, only to be indulged in by oddities. That was the natural opinion one would form of those early collectors, for they formed their collections most unintelligently, the height of ambition of some being to amass numbers, sublimely indifferent as to whether they consisted of luggage-labels, or tram tickets, or anything else that remotely resembled a stamp. Others collected according to their fancy in colouring and in shape, one favouring red stamps, another blue, and another triangular or diamond shapes.

But Philately, fortunately, did not remain long in the hands of

such devotees. It soon began to be recognised as a genuine hobby, both interesting, instructive, and profitable.

The ordinary man does not see anything interesting in a postage stamp, he regards it from a purely matter-of-fact standpoint, he buys his stamp, affixes it to his letter, and that is all about it.

Let him now examine a fairly good collection. Here he sees stamps which have come from all parts of the globe, arranged in topographical and chronological order. He is struck with the diversity of shades. Every colour of the rainbow is represented. He is still further surprised at the variety of designs, and he realises that all stamps are not like the common European stamps, which are the least artistic of any.

There is in front of him a miniature menagerie. The coloured parrots of Guatemala, the hippopotami of Liberia, the camel of the Soudan, the ostrich and kangaroo of New South Wales, the tiger of Malay, the giraffe of Nyassa, the dog and seal of Newfoundland, the beautiful and well-known set of North Borneo, which comprises the chimpanzee, stag, peacock, and crocodile.

Then there are the eight Tasmanian stamps, each of which depicts a portion of the lovely scenery around Hobart Town, the stamps which show the waterfall of Jamaica, the Samoan palm trees, the Egyptian pyramids, the Nicaraguan volcanoes, and many others too numerous to mention.

The picture gallery of kings and queens and other persons of note is almost unlimited in range. We will only mention the Newfoundland stamps, which give us portraits of Cabot, Queen Alexandra, our new King and Queen (shown as Prince and Princess of Wales), and the young Prince Edward.

From this brief glance over a few stamps taken at random, we are compelled to admit that Philately is not only an entertaining subject, but also a most instructive one. One could not be interested in such a collection without having one's knowledge of geography, of political history, and of past and current events of the world greatly increased. The revolutions in South America, the South African and Spanish-American wars, the accession of new crowned heads, the election of new Presidents, are all brought to our notice by different issues of stamps.

Very pretty are the sets issued in commemoration of notable persons or occurrences. The 1897 Queen Victoria Jubilee stamps are to be found issued by most of our colonies. The United States, in 1893, issued a set of sixteen in commemoration of Columbus, and a number depicting scenes of their agricultural, industrial, and political activities.

We shall not say very much about the high price given for some stamps. We have all heard about King George V's acquisition of the twopenny blue Mauritius, for which £1,450 was paid. There are other stamps almost as valuable, but not so well known, of which I may mention the one cent. British Guiana.

Unfortunately, stamp collecting, like everything else in which money is concerned, has given rise to much forgery and fraud.

Unscrupulous dealers are always ready to palm off doubtful specimens on the unwary, and sometimes a very good authority is hard set to decide the genuineness of a stamp. There are also a great many reprints on the market, that is, stamps, the right of printing which has been sold to stamp dealers. Needless to say, the countries which are apparently in such sore need of money, are mostly South American States. These reprints are quite valueless, therefore, the used, *i.e.*, postmarked stamps of some of these States are more valuable than the unused specimens, as unmarked ones are open to suspicion.

Indeed, many collectors have given up South American Republican stamps altogether, for in addition to the danger of reprints, some of these States make a practice of issuing a new series of stamps every year to aid philatelists in their collections, and incidentally to fill their own coffers.

L. J. D. RICHARDSON.



The Intermediate Rules and Programme for 1911.



THOSE who are likely to be candidates in the Intermediate Examinations in June, 1911, will be interested in some of the changes announced in the new Programme and Rules recently issued. The most important of these changes are as follows:—

1. Natural Philosophy as a subject for Examination in the Middle and Senior Grades ceases to exist.

2. The Preparatory Grade Prize Fund will be abolished. This Fund, under the new Intermediate system, inaugurated in 1901, used to consist of £1 for each candidate passing the Preparatory Grade; last year, in 1909, it was decreased to 10s. per head, it remains at that amount for the present year, but next year there will not be any Fund at all.

3. Separate papers will be set in arithmetic and in algebra. The same paper in arithmetic will be set in each grade for both pass and honours.

4. In the Middle Grade, as well as in the Senior Grade, there will be no set books in any language (except in English). There are standards given in the Middle as in the Senior Grade. The standards in the Middle Grade are as follows:—Greek, Plato, Easy Portions of the Dialogue, and Euripides (omitting lyric portions); Latin, Livy and Ovid, Metamorphoses, French, Merimée, German, Hauff and Schiller, Lyrical Poems. The standards in the Senior Grade are as follows:—Greek, Thucydides (narrative

portions), Homer, Aristophanes ; Latin, Pliny's Letters, Horace, Virgil's *Æneid*, French, V. Hugo, German, Freytag and Goethe's *Gedichte*.

5. The Pass Period of History in the Junior Grade is 1400-1691 (instead of 1689), and the Special Period for Honours, 1625-1691 (instead of 1634-1660). In the Senior Grade the Pass Period of History remains the same, viz., 1789-1871, but the Special Period for Honours is 1789-1815 (instead of 1789-1801).

6. The French Literary Period in the Senior Grade is changed from 1830-1848 to 1852-1870.

7. The use of logarithms is introduced into the arithmetic courses in the Middle and Senior Grades.



Autumn in N.S.W. Wheat District. . .



THE country undulates away to timber-covered foothills, behind which rise the misty blue summits of the mountains. The land is a patchwork mass of ploughed ground and yellow, waist-high stubble, with belts of dusty blue-gums crossing it in every direction, with here and there a solitary tree or straw stack showing up against its golden background. A bullock team, on its way to the railway depot, winds slowly along the track amongst the trees to the accompaniment of thunderous whip crackings, leaving huge billows of dust behind it as it goes. From every side white cockatoos and many-hued parrakeets rise screaming from underfoot, and whirl to the loftiest tree tops to chatter out expostulations to one another. From behind a rise in the ground black smoke climbs slowly into the heat-laden air, and marks where some dry grass is on fire. The heat is appalling, seeming to rise from the earth and scorch one's face and hands, while the heavy wind that fitfully blows, only serves to bring further torment, in the shape of gusts of heat and clouds of dust. A figure comes tramping slowly up the rough road. He is what is locally known as a "swagman," that large bundle on his back is his "swag," and in it he carries his tent, blankets, and every earthly belonging he possesses. Hanging listlessly in his hand is the famous "billy-can," in which he cooks everything he eats or drinks, for he could never exist were it not for the can of tea he so delights in. In a dust-laden, weary voice he enquires the way to the home-stead, on the chance of getting a little work, or, if not work, perhaps some "tucker" to carry him on to the next station.

This is how the great wheat-growing district looks in February, the Australian autumn, when the land is once more being

ploughed for the coming season, and when the swagmen are the only human beings one comes across.

“WOOLLOOMOOLOO.”



Our Swimming Club.



SINCE our last number came out we have started a Swimming Club, which, although but a few weeks in existence, bids fair to become a successful and permanent institution in the School.

We made our *debut* on Thursday, 28th April, with a membership of about thirty odd boys. Our membership has since grown to over sixty, and we hope will further increase.

Through the kind efforts of Mr. Norton and J. R. Duggan, we have secured the use of the Iveagh Swimming Baths all to ourselves on Thursday afternoons, from 3.30 to 4.30.

We thank Mr. Norton most heartily for coming with us, and for taking so much pains in assisting us in our preliminary attempts.

Though most of us are not champion swimmers yet, we are living in hopes of becoming so; but whether we are good swimmers or not, we thoroughly enjoy the exercise.

Our session finishes at the end of June, after which it is to be hoped that most of us will continue the exercise in the vasty deep, and next year be able to astonish the bewildered and admiring recruits who will be crowding to join us, by our daring feats of natation.

Who knows, one of us may yet swim the Channel, or attempt the Niagara rapids, safely encased in a barrel.



Cricket Notes.



AT a meeting of the Athletic Club on April 16th, 1910, the following officers were elected for the cricket season:—

Captain—W. H. CROTTY.

Vice-Captain—C. S. CAMPBELL.

Hon. Secretary—G. S. B. MACK.

These officers, with Mr. Timms, were appointed as a Selection Committee for the season.

Our cricket season up to the present has not been very successful, our weak point being batting. Our bowling has been very fair, and only one team (Leinster III.) put up a high score against us. Mack, Craig, Crotty, and Thomson all have bowled well. Gilligan, so far, has only played in one match for the 1st XI., viz.:—against Wesley College, in which he was singularly

successful with the ball. Craig has been a tower of strength to the side, and we only wish he could play oftener than he does for us. We think that there are many boys in the Upper Forms who would make good cricketers if only they took up the game and practised regularly, instead of counting themselves "crocks." Messrs. Timms, Telfer, Annis, and Gordon, with Crotty, Colquhoun, Mack, Campbell and Gilligan have been most assiduous in their attendance at the practice-nets.

BATTING AVERAGES.

1ST XI.

Batsman.	No. of Innings.	Not out.	Most in an Innings.	Total.	Average.
J. M. Craig	.. 5	0	20	55	11'0
G. S. B. Mack	.. 8	0	18	32	4'0
Joe Bell	.. 8	2	11	23	3'8
G. R. Thomson	.. 4	0	8	15	3'7
C. S. Thomson	.. 7	0	8	19	2'7
J. D. Colquhoun	.. 8	0	4	12	1'5
W. H. Crotty	.. 8	0	3	10	1'2
C. S. Campbell	.. 8	0	3	10	1'2

BOWLING.—Mack has taken 17 wickets, Craig 11, Gilligan 5, Crotty 9, G. R. Thomson 3.

G. S. B. MACK,

Hon. Secretary.

Our cricket season opened on Saturday, 30th April, when the 1st team played Wesley College at Belgrave Square. Winning the toss, we batted first in glorious weather. After a rather short innings all our men were out for 36, the principal scorers being G. S. B. Mack and J. M. Craig. Thanks to the good bowling of Craig and W. B. Gilligan Wesley College were got rid of for 24, Craig taking four and Gilligan five wickets. High School went in again and made 42, J. Bell and Craig being the only batsmen to reach double figures. In their second innings Wesley had compiled 29 runs for three wickets, when stumps were drawn, leaving us winners on the first inning's score.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st innings.			2nd innings.		
J. M. Craig c and b Bennett	.. 8	lbw b Bennett	..	..	13
J. D. Colquhoun b Bennett	.. 0	c Waugh b Casey	..	..	1
W. H. Crotty b Merrick	.. 2	c Bennett b Casey	..	..	1
C. S. Campbell b Merrick	.. 0	c M'Cormick b Casey	..	..	1
Joe Bell b Bennett	.. 0	c Waugh b Bennett	..	..	11
G. S. B. Mack b Bennett	.. 18	b Casey	..	..	4
W. E. Cochrane b Merrick	.. 0	b Bennett	..	..	5
G. Thomson c M'Cormick b Bennett	.. 5	b Casey	..	..	2
W. B. Gilligan c Craddock b Bennett	.. 0	not out	..	..	1
H. W. Hall b Casey	.. 0	run out	..	..	0
G. E. Larkin not out	.. 0	b Bennett	..	..	1
Extras	.. 3	Extras	..	..	2
Total	.. 36	Total	..	..	42

WESLEY.

1st innings.				2nd innings.			
Merrick lbw b Craig	..	4		c and b Craig	..	8	
Bennett b Gilligan	..	5		not out	..	7	
Waugh b Craig	..	0		b Craig	..	1	
Casey b Gilligan	..	2		not out	..	4	
Craddock b Gilligan	..	0					
Duncan run out	..	1					
Gentleman b Craig	..	3					
Rafter c Bell b Gilligan	..	0	run out	..	7		
M'Cormick b Craig	..	2					
Williamson c Craig b Gilligan	..	0					
Waugh not out	..	5					
Extras	..	2		Extras	..	2	
Total	..	24		Total (3 wickets)	..	29	

HIGH SCHOOL v. LEINSTER III.

Our second match of the season was played at Rathmines on May 4th. We felt badly the loss of Gilligan and Craig at bowling. Leinster started to the bowling of Thomson and Mack. Croly, Burke and Whitty went for 26 runs, the two former being taken by Thomson, the latter by Mack. Then Ryan and Wallace came together, and no efforts on our part could separate them. They brought the score to 145 for three wickets and declared. We then started batting, but were all disposed of for 52 runs. Mr. Timms played a good innings for 17 runs. Mr. Gordon also batted well for 7. Scores:—

LEINSTER III. XI.

C. M. Ryan not out	..	65	
J. Croly c T. Bell b Thomson	..	2	
M. J. Burke lbw b Thomson	..	0	
D. Whitty b Mack	..	0	
R. Wallace not out	..	76	
Extras	..	2	
Total (3 wickets)	..	145	
Did not bat—W. G. Gray, H. Tomlinson, E. R. Gray, N. Becker-			
son, J. Hadden.			

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Timms st. Tomlinson b Burke	..	17	
J. D. Colquhoun run out	..	1	
Mr. Telfer b Beckerson	..	5	
Mr. Gordon lbw b Burke	..	7	
Mr. Annis lbw Beckerson	..	5	
W. H. Crotty b Burke	..	0	
G. R. Thomson b Beckerson	..	0	
C. S. Campbell run out	..	3	
G. S. B. Mack b Burke	..	0	
W. H. Cochrane b Burke	..	2	
J. Bell not out	..	0	
Extras	..	10	
Total	..	52	

HIGH SCHOOL v. MASONIC SCHOOL.

This match was to have been played on Saturday, 7th May, but was put off on account of the death of H. M. King Edward.

HIGH SCHOOL v. ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN SCHOOL.

Played at Merton, Wednesday, 11th May, 1910.

St. Stephen's Green School won the toss, and started to the bowling of Thomson and Craig. The first wicket fell at 15. Wickets then continued to fall rapidly, and they were all disposed

of for 69 runs. Mack took 4 wickets for 12 runs, Craig 3 for 25, Thomson 1 for 28. We then started to bat with Craig and Colquhoun. Craig soon got set, but the other batsmen failed, and the innings closed for 38 or 31 behind our opponent's total. Craig made 20 out of the 38 by good batting; Thomson also contributing 8.

Scores:—

ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN
SCHOOL.

J. F. Cox b Craig	..	..	4
J. F. Kempster c Crotty b Thompson	..	..	22
A. O'Keefe b Mack	..	..	8
C. F. Kennedy b Mack	..	..	9
C. A. Murray c and b Craig	..	..	16
M. Johnstone run out	..	..	0
R. B. Tobin b Mack	..	..	1
H. J. North absent	..	..	0
A. B. Kennedy b Craig	..	..	5
B. C. Kennedy b Mack	..	..	0
D. S. Smyth not out	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	4
Total	..	..	69

HIGH SCHOOL.

J. M. Craig b Cox	..	..	20
J. D. Colquhoun b Kennedy	..	..	4
G. R. Thomson b Cox	..	..	8
W. H. Crotty run out	..	..	1
C. S. Campbell b Cox	..	..	0
G. S. B. Mack c and b Kempster	..	..	2
W. A. Cochrane absent	..	..	0
J. Bell c Kempster b Cox	..	..	0
C. S. Thomson b Kennedy	..	..	0
H. W. Hall not out	..	..	0
G. E. Larkin b Cox	..	..	3
Extras	..	..	0
Total	..	..	38

Our first cup match took place on Saturday, 21st May, with Mountjoy School, at Croydon Park.

Mountjoy won the toss, and started batting to the bowling of Craig and Mack. Browne was the only man who batted well, making 25 before being bowled by Mack. The innings closed for 53. Mack got 6 wickets for 15 runs; Crotty 2 for 3 runs, and Craig 1 for 25 runs. High School fared disastrously against the bowling of Browne and Bor, making only 24, of which Craig made 13 by steady cricket. Mountjoy then batted a second time making 99 for 7 wickets, at which score they declared the innings closed. High School at the second venture fared even worse, being all dismissed for 10 runs. * Mountjoy then won by 118.

Scores:—

MOUNTJOY SCHOOL.

1st innings.			
Buchanan b Mack	..	..	3
Forster run out	..	..	0
Browne b Mack	..	..	25
Box c Thomson b Craig	..	..	4
Anderson b Mack	..	..	1
Forbes b Mack	..	..	3
West b Mack	..	..	0
McKee b Mack	..	..	0
Richardson st Kelly b Crotty	..	..	8
Dawson not out	..	..	2
Osborne b Crotty	..	..	2
Extras	..	..	5
Total	..	..	53

2nd innings.			
b Mack	..	..	1
b Mack	..	..	5
b Craig	..	..	10
c and b Craig	..	..	10
not out	..	..	86
lbw b Crotty	..	..	11
c sub b Alexander	..	..	10
not out	..	..	7
Extras	..	..	4
Total (7 wkts)	..	..	99
Innings declared closed			

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st innings				2nd innings.			
Craig b Bor	..	..	13	c West b Browne	..	..	1
Colquhoun b Browne	..	..	2	c West b Browne	..	..	0
Crotty b Browne	..	..	0	b Bor..	..	..	3
Campbell b Bor	..	..	2	b Bor	..	..	1
Mack b Bor	..	..	0	c Dawson b b Browne	..	..	2
Kelly b Browne	..	..	1	absent, hurt	..	..	—
Thomson b Browne	..	..	1	c McKee b Bor	..	..	0
Bell b Bor	..	..	2	b Richardson	..	..	2
Hall c Browne b Bor	..	..	0	b Bor	..	..	0
Alexander c and b West	..	..	1	not out	..	..	0
Larkin not out	..	..	0	c Dawson b Bor	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	2	Extras	..	..	1
Total	..	..	24	Total	..	..	10

HIGH SCHOOL v. ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

This match was played at Donnybrook, Wednesday, 25th May. High School batted first, and were all dismissed for 23, of which C. S. Thomson made 8. St. Andrew's then batted, and at first wickets fell rapidly, nine being down for 50, but a fine stand was made for the last wicket, and eventually the score reached 79. Crotty took six wickets for 35 runs, Mack three for 15, and G. R. Thomson one for 18 runs.

High School batted a second time, and when stumps were drawn the score read—25 for six wickets, Joe Bell playing a fine innings for 8 not out. St. Andrew's won by 56 runs. Scores:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Innings.				2nd Innings.			
G. R. Thomson b Armstrong	..	0		c and b Fraser	..	..	5
J. D. Colquhoun run out	..	3		run out	..	..	1
W. H. Crotty b Fetherstone	..	1		b Fraser	..	..	2
C. Campbell b Fetherstone	..	0		lbw b Fraser	..	..	3
G. Mack c. Mooney b Armstrong	2			b Fetherstone	..	..	3
Joe Bell b Fetherstone	..	0		not out	..	..	8
C. S. Thomson c Nicholls b Armstrong	..	8		c Fraser b Fetherstone	..	..	3
H. W. Hall b Armstrong	..	0					
H. B. Alexander not out	..	4					
Jno Bell absent	..	0					
G. E. Larkin hit wkt b Armstrong	0						
Extras	..	5		Extras	..	..	0
Total	..	23		Total (6 wks.)	..	..	25

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

Fetherstone lbw b Crotty	..	..	..	..	10
Wrightson lbw b Crotty	..	..	..	..	6
Nicholls b Crotty	..	..	..	..	5
Fraser b Mack	..	..	..	..	3
Clover b Mack	..	..	..	..	0
Macnie b Crotty	..	..	..	..	0
Tucker b Crotty	..	..	..	..	2
Mooney lbw b Thomson	..	..	..	..	4
Middleton c Colquhoun b Mack	..	..	..	..	13
Armstrong b Crotty	..	..	..	..	20
Sheridan not out	..	..	..	..	6
Extras	..	..	..	..	10
Total	..	..	..	..	79

SECOND XI.

The Second Eleven has been very successful up to the present, and have won five matches out of six, losing one. Their first match was played at the Square against Le Peton's School, and the latter batting first made 46 runs, wickets being taken by Moss (captain), M'Cormick and Larkin. High School on going in compiled 57 runs, and so won by 11 runs, Brambell and Moss making top scores.

On 5th May they were again successful, beating Clarinda Park School by the score of 76 runs to 20. The chief scorer for our team was Moss, who knocked up 29, while Bell and Thomson also reached double figures. Our opponents' small score was due to the good bowling of Moss and Cochrane, and the High School team also fielded remarkably well.

At Belgrave Square, Wednesday, May 11th, the 2nd XI. gained their third successive victory in their match against Stephen's Green School 2nd XI. High School batted first, and, thanks to Alexander and M'Cormick, whose scores were 18 and 12 respectively, their total, all out, was 49. The efforts of the opposing team only produced 14 runs, leaving us victors by 35 runs. A feature of this match was the splendid bowling of John Bell, who captured in both innings eleven wickets for 2 runs.

The next match was v Catholic University School III., and going in first High School was dismissed for the exceedingly small score of 10 runs. The visitors in their innings, however, only made 17, Bell again proving a deadly bowler, and when for the second time our team batted the total reached was 69, of which Moss hit up 19, while M'Cormick, Thornton and John Bell also contributed useful runs. Our opponents in their second effort were dismissed for 49, and thus for the fourth time the 2nd XI. were victorious.

On Saturday, the 21st May, we played Mountjoy School, and in a similar manner emerged triumphant. Mountjoy batted first, and made 32 runs, Gilligan capturing five wickets at cheap cost.

Without the services of Moss our 2nd XI. could only compile 11 runs, and of these Thornton scored 5. Mountjoy, going in again, made 21, leaving us 43 runs to get to enable us to win. Thanks to the efforts of Holmes, Molyneux and Gilligan, who scored 10, 12 and 9 respectively, and of M'Cormick, whose total was 8, we won the match by the narrow margin of 9 runs.

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